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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ABERNETHY MATT</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 12780 EL CAMINO REAL (Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES INC [NBIX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Chief Financial Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2021	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	02/08/2021		S ⁽¹⁾		880	D	\$116.8472 ⁽²⁾	13,043	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2021		S ⁽³⁾		2,030	D	\$116.8059 ⁽⁴⁾	14,869	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$117.63	02/08/2021		A		44,632		⁽⁵⁾	02/08/2031	Common Stock	44,632	\$0.00	44,632	D	
Restricted Stock Unit	⁽⁶⁾	02/08/2021		A		7,439		⁽⁷⁾	⁽⁷⁾	Common Stock	7,439	\$0.00	7,439	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Sale of 880 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 2,429 restricted stock units on February 8, 2021 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (1,549) maintained by the Reporting Person; the disposition reported in this Form 4 was effected by a broker pursuant to instructions consistent with Rule 10b5-1 at least 60 days prior to the transaction date in Box 3 above.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$115.9394 to \$117.55. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- Sale of 2,030 shares of common stock issued upon vesting of 3,856 restricted stock units on February 8, 2021 to cover payroll and withholding taxes, with the balance of the shares (1,826) maintained by the Reporting Person; the disposition reported in this Form 4 was effected by a broker pursuant to instructions set forth in a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person at least 60 days prior to the transaction date in Box 3 above. Additionally, Issuer policy restricts the Reporting Person from amending or otherwise modifying any 10b5-1 trading plan subsequent to adoption of the plan.
- Represents a weighted average sales price per share. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$116.01 to \$118.13. The Reporting Person has provided to the issuer, and will provide to any security holder of the issuer or the SEC staff, upon request, information regarding the number of shares sold at each price within the range.
- Represents option of which 1/48th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable on March 8, 2021 and an additional 1/48th of the shares underlying the option becomes vested and exercisable each month thereafter.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer Common Stock.
- The Restricted Stock Units will vest annually at 1/4 of the units vesting on each of February 8, 2022, February 8, 2023, February 8, 2024, and February 8, 2025.

Remarks:

/s/ Darin Lippoldt, Attorney-in-Fact 02/09/2021

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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